

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In the Application of:** Schnekenburger, Rudolf

**Application Serial No:** 10/574,658

**371(c) Date:** December 29, 2006

**Title:** USE OF AN INTUMESCENT MATERIAL  
AND DEVICE HAVING A MATERIAL OF  
THIS TYPE

**Group Art Unit:** 3673

**Examiner:** Merlino, Alyson Marie

**Confirmation No.:** 7603

**Customer No.:** 30734

**Via EFS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2010. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper and include a replacement sheet attached herewith;

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.